

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A remote system for an automotive dealership having a number of vehicles with remotely controlled components, the system comprising:

a programmable transmitter module disposed apart from a vehicle for transmitting a common signal for controlling at least one remotely controlled component on at least one vehicle, the programmable transmitter module being adjustable to select a signal transmission range;

a receiver associated with each vehicle for receiving the common signal and adapted to control operation of ~~interacting the signal with~~ the at least one component; and

a programming source disposed apart from the programmable transmitter module and the receiver for generating a programming signal for programming the programmable transmitter module, wherein the programming signal inhibits for prohibiting operation of the remotely controlled component during at least one programmable period corresponding to a period of time in which the automotive dealership is closed.

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the selectable signal transmission range is sufficiently limited to only reach the receiver in the vehicle nearest the programmable transmitter module.

3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the signal transmission range is in the range of between four to six feet.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the remote system is a remote keyless entry system.

5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the remotely controlled components is a vehicle security system.

6. (original) The system of claim 5, wherein the common signal is capable of arming/disarming the vehicle security system.

7. (original) The system of claim 5, further comprising a door lock that operates in conjunction with the vehicle security system, wherein the door is locked when the vehicle security system is armed and the door is unlocked when the vehicle security system is disarmed.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the programming source is a computer that is adapted to provide the a programming signal.

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the computer is adapted to communicate the programming signal by a cable connected to the programmable transmitter module.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the computer is adapted to communicate the programming signal by a radio frequency received by the programmable transmitter module.

11. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein the programming signal is a digital bit stream transmitted over a radio frequency link.

12. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one programmable period corresponds to a time of day when employees are not supposed to access the vehicle.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one programmable period corresponds to a time of day specified by an operator ~~times during a day~~.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the programming source programs the programmable transmitter module to transmit a customer signal, wherein the at least one component on only one vehicle is operable in response to the customer signal but is not responsive to the common signal when the customer signal is programmed.

15. (currently amended) A ~~programmable transmitter for transmitting a signal to a system for~~ remotely ~~positionable receiver, the transmitter~~ controlling operation of a component of a motor vehicle, the system comprising[[]];

a programming device disposed apart from the motor vehicle and adapted to provide a first control signal;

a transmitter module adapted to receive the first control signal and disposed apart from the programming device, the transmitter module including:

a control switch through which a user can enter a command;

an oscillator ~~for transmitting the~~ adapted to transmit a second control signal based on the command;

a programmable encoder for programming one type of the second control signal transmitted by the oscillator; and

a battery for providing power to the control switch and the oscillator transmitter; and

~~a control switch actuatable to initiate signal transmission by the oscillator;~~

a receiver adapted to receive the second control signal and adapted to control operation of the component;

~~a programmable interrupt prohibiting~~ wherein the first control signal is configured to inhibit the oscillator from transmitting the second control signal during specified periods of a time of day; and

~~a time of day indicator for monitoring the specified periods.~~

16. (currently amended) The system transmitter of claim 15, wherein the oscillator is adjustable to select a signal transmission range.

17. (currently amended) The system transmitter of claim 15, wherein the ~~programmable interrupt~~ transmitter module is adapted to receive a signal for programming the specified periods via a radio frequency link.

18. (currently amended) The system transmitter of claim 15, wherein the encoder is adapted to receive a signal for directing the oscillator to transmit a customer signal or a common signal.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 21, wherein the ~~programmable~~ period of time corresponds to a time of day when an employee is ~~employees are~~ not supposed to access the motor vehicle.

21. (currently amended) A method for controlling operation of a remote control system for a motor vehicle, the remote control system including a programming device, a transmitter module disposed apart from and adapted to communicate with the programming device, and a receiver adapted to communicate with the transmitter module and control operation of the motor vehicle ~~arming/disarming a vehicle at an automotive dealership~~, the method comprising:

establishing a time period with the programming device;

~~selecting the~~ communicating a signal based on the time period to ~~transmission~~
~~range of the transmitter module; and~~

inhibiting operation of the transmitter module for a period of time based on the
signal.

~~transmitting a signal from a programmable transmitter for arming/disarming a~~
~~security system of the vehicle;~~

~~receiving the signal by a receiver for interacting the signal with the security~~
~~system; and~~

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~~generating a signal at a programming source for programming the receiver to prohibit operation of the vehicle by the security system during at least one programmable period of a day.~~